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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO SAFETY.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1       SECTION 1. Chapter 28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
3 read as follows:

4       "§28-     Silver alert program. (a) The state civil  
5 defense division, with the cooperation of each respective  
6 county's police department, local broadcasters, and other  
7 relevant and appropriate state and county agencies, shall  
8 develop and implement a statewide silver alert program to be  
9 activated on behalf of a missing senior citizen in the  
10 appropriate county. To the greatest extent possible, the silver  
11 alert program shall be integrated with the minor abducted in  
12 life-threatening emergency/America's broadcast emergency  
13 response (MAILE/AMBER alert) program.

14       (b) A silver alert shall be issued if the following  
15 criteria are met:

- 16       (1) A county police department receives notice of a  
17 missing senior citizen from the family or legal  
18 guardian of the missing senior citizen;



1       (2) The senior citizen is domiciled in Hawaii, but the  
2       current location of the senior citizen is unknown;

3       (3) There is reasonable suspicion that the senior citizen  
4       has an impaired mental condition, which can be proved  
5       by the family, legal guardian, or physician of the  
6       missing senior citizen; and

7       (4) Sufficient information is provided that indicates that  
8       the senior citizen's disappearance poses a credible  
9       threat to the health and safety of the senior citizen.

10       (c) The silver alert shall include all appropriate  
11       information provided by the respective county's police  
12       department, information that may lead to the safe recovery of  
13       the missing senior citizen, and a statement instructing any  
14       person with information related to the missing senior citizen to  
15       contact a local law enforcement agency and the contact  
16       information for that agency.

17       (d) For purposes of this section:

18       "Local law enforcement agency" means a law enforcement  
19       agency with jurisdiction over the investigation of a missing  
20       senior citizen.

21       "Senior citizen" means a person who is sixty-five years of  
22       age or older.



1       "Silver alert" means the countywide alert for missing  
2       senior citizens developed and implemented pursuant to this  
3       section."

4       SECTION 2.   New statutory material is underscored.

5       SECTION 3.   This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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**Report Title:**

Silver Alert Program; Senior Citizens

**Description:**

Creates and implements a silver alert program to alert the public of any missing senior citizen with an impaired mental condition, to be integrated with the MAILE/AMBER alert program. Effective July 1, 2020. (SD1)

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